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WHO'S AFRAID?

The honest citizen does not fear the sheriff. Why then should an honest tax assessor fear a "czar" interested only in transgressions of the law or violations of the constitution? Answer that, if you are fearful of a state tax referee.

The county officials of Florida, we think, should be delighted at the prospect of an opportunity to fulfill oaths of office and to obey the constitution of this state, secure against personal pressure from tax dodgers, protected by ample law and efficient oversight. A tax assessor, we should think, would wait with patience and courage to exhibit to an expert, representing the state, a set of books completely and honestly compiled.

No one expects or has a right to expect perfection and no one need fear painful consequences from minor miscalculations. We do not have that kind of governor and he would not appoint that kind of tax commissioner. The state tax assessor would give advice and aid to honest officials to help adjust the inequalities in assessment and collection.

Competent, honest officials would welcome that help and make advantage of it to establish policies and practices that would give them pride in their work and an opportunity to have it approved as a good job well done.—Tallahassee Democrat.

JUSTICE FOR SOUTH FLORIDA

With some help from Representatives Guy Strayhorn and Mr. Vernon, a bill of Punta Gorda and perhaps some others, a bunch over in Port Lauderdale gets credit for receiving the congressional redistricting bill and getting it passed in the house by a thinning majority. Whether this good work can be continued in the senate seems somewhat doubtful, the upper house having already decisively defeated

a similar bill by Senator Ward. However, the house action is evidence of an emphatic public demand which should be sufficiently impressive to justify reconsideration in the senate.

The Broward delegation, by the way, is really getting hot in seeking political justice for South Florida. Not only are the members instrumental in reviving the redistricting bill which was considered dead after the senate vote, but they have also started something in the matter of reapportionment of the senate. Pointing out that since the 1935 session—in fact since before that—the legislature has been under the continuing duty of reapportioning the senate, they are demanding that it be done and that it not take any further threat to go to court about it. As the state constitution specifically requires exactly what they are urging they ought to meet with some success if they go to court and they may even get some action.

In their objective they have the expressed support of Governor Holland, although he has remarked that he does not see much hope for redistricting. It ought to be done, he agrees, and it is the senate's duty to do it but he doesn't think they will. However, if he should join forces with the South Florida members who are getting stirred up, it is quite likely that something might be accomplished. It is not only the legislature's continuing duty to reapportion the senate but the constitution requires that the governor call an extra session when it isn't done and keep the members there until they act.

Being glad to get rid of the legislature as soon as he can, an extra session is usually the last thing a governor wants. But Governor Holland has got along pretty well with this one and if it winds up next week with its work fairly well done he may see no harm in the boys staying over for the reapportionment they should have enacted in 1935 and at every session since.

A bill for the reshuffling of the senatorial districts is pending in the house and if it is passed, as seems probable, it will be up to the senate either to adopt something or furnish grounds for calling an extra session. As that will probably have to be done to get the session over with, the next turn comes in 1945; it might as well be done now and have it added to the exceedingly notable achievements of the Holland administration.—Port Myers News Press.

the value the senate places on, are retained in the revised bill.

Action on the general approval of the bill was taken by the senate on the pension bill withdrawn—the proposed eight million dollar—approximately for old-age pensions—agreed to by the senate in 1935, already provided stated for the next two years. However, at the last minute the bill was amended to raise an additional two million dollars, was introduced. It would place a luxury tax on the sale of cosmetics, soap, razors and razor blades, real and costume jewelry, playing cards, cigarettes, soft drinks, and other items. The bill also provided for the repeal of the law which provided that he will have a check tax.

The redistricting of the state into senatorial districts according to population, which would give south Florida five new senators and north Florida a corresponding number of senators, was passed by the House last week by legislators from the northern part of the state. Similar bills have been introduced and defeated with equal regularity in all past sessions within the memory of man.

The creation of a new sixth congressional district in the Lake Okechobee area was passed by the House. The senate, which killed a similar bill earlier in the session, will now be called upon to act upon the House bill. The fish is the bone of contention in the senatorial redistricting proposal. North Florida wants the new congressional district to come from that section while south Florida claims that it is entitled to it on a population basis.

On the labor front, the House refused to place a proposed constitutional amendment outlawing the closed shop on the calendar, which appeared to kill the proposal. However, it brought out an so-called compromise bill outlawing the closed shop, violence, coercion, intimidation or threats in an attempt to control or restrain any lawful trade, craft or business.

The House Finance and Taxation Committee approved an administration-sponsored \$10 per ton tax on invasions by the first thousand exempted, and a non-admissionary proposal providing for a flat tax ranging from \$2.50 for single stores to \$300 per store in chains having more than 100 units. The present rate is \$10 to \$400. A bill taking three percent from special funds for the benefit of the general fund has passed both houses and now goes to the governor for his signature. Governor Holland had proposed a two percent rate. The theory is that if the state is going to put up the money, it should pay how it will be spent. Previous years have seen a revision of assessments to 100 percent valuation; strengthening of tax laws to make them convey absolute title; and removal of

to be just right late in the afternoon.

By this time Vernon is found out of the corner of his eye and is starting to mumble in his beard and my red face ain't all changeable to sunburn.

"Hold everything," I say, "beat him to the draw. 'I got a better idea' will go salt water and get out of the boys' way over the water and around there are so full of fish you can't cast your net without catching a fish. Trout, bass, snook, mango snapper, tarpon, ladyfish, jacks and they'll hit anything."

Being a patient and tolerant guy, Vernon lets his faith in human nature get the better of his judgment and accepts my explanation about our experience at Okechobee being "one of those things," we heard for F. Myers. I stumbled onto Grover Hackney who was with the Conservation Department for years and knows more about fishing than the guy that wrote the book. He assured us we'd come to the right place and told us where to go to get the best boat and guide in those parts. We made a deal to go out the next morning and sat around the tin camp all that evening listening to stories about Florida fish and what they do until we were fairly pop-eyed.

"But you're sure you can catch fish with me runnin' tomorrow," I asked. "Runnin'!" he says, "why they run as consistently as Jerry cut-dry."

Well, the guide was a regular fellow, the boat was a honey, and the weather was perfect. This time I knew we were in the groove and on the beam and a ton of fish was my conservative estimate of what we could catch for the day, based on only fifty percent of the stories we'd heard been true.

We fished up stream and down stream, inside and outside, back forth and sideways. We used live bait and dead bait, plugs and plastics, spoons and spinners, we cussed and we prayed and held the proper thought—but all to no avail. At the end of eight hours we'd succeeded in gathering in exactly four trout, one jack and one snapper.

The guide explained that there were days like that. He said he'd seen it when you'd go all day and not catch a fish and then along about sundown it would get WORSE. It sure did!

Sometimes I got fish when it's not too hot or too cold, too hot or too calm, when the tide isn't too dirty or too clear, when the tide is right and the moon is right and everything is RIGHT. And if I don't catch fish I'm going out and lynch myself, and then Mr. Pyle really will have something to write about.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

I can remember back when all you had to do here in Florida to catch a mess of fish was climb into some old clothes, grab your tackle and head in most any direction, for every lake, stream, bay or bayou seemed with men.

I've always insisted that this state was the original and only genuine "Fisherman's Paradise" and if I couldn't argue a guy into my way of thinking I'd take him out and PROVE it. The fact is I've bragged so much about Florida fishing over the years that folks come to me from up the country to check it out. All they want to check on you and your fish stories and you'd better make good.

That's exactly what happened to me last week when Vernon Ramey from Suffolk, Virginia, blows in the office and starts talking like a guy from Missouri—he's gotta be shown.

Well, I knew that most of the lakes around here didn't run have any water in 'em, let alone fish, so I decides not to take any more chances and I take the old Lake Okechobee. At Bill Johnson's camp they tell us the fish are just naturally born there in the lake apart, they've been strikin' like a flock of defense workers, and BIG ones.

So we rent a boat and a guide, and we're off to do battle with the bass. I don't know how Vernon, but I personally made one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three more or less perfect casts, harvested a ton and a half of pepper grass, and never got fish ONE.

According to the guide, the lake is too high and too full of water, but I don't know if it was dirty, but it ought to be all right in the morning. Well, being suckers for snare and feverish for fish, we're up before breakfast and at it again. We slung spoons, plugs, baits, rubber frogs, and other tackle and other associated hardware from hell to breakfast, whippin' the lake into a frenzy. I don't know if it was for all that labor was FOUT, but 'em four little bass and none of 'em old enough to vote or spread a whizzer. The guide explained that it was too calm and the water was too clear—you really get a little ripple, but it negat-

dered, and appears thereafter as a ghost with such muddance tastes as a liking for champagne. The breakthrough sequence was filmed after Miss Blondell drank deeply from a bottle of champagne (water). She was supposed to "interperse her dialog with drunken hicoughs. She attempted a few but they were very feeble.

"What can you expect on plain water," said Miss Blondell. "After much straining and grunting, the comedienne finally achieved a superb hicough, loud, clear and with good timing. Then came a sequence of hicoughs that Miss Blondell couldn't stop. It was fine for that particular scene, but director Roy Del Ruth wanted to proceed at once to another which was not all right for any hicoughing on Miss Blondell's part."

Everyone on the set had ideas about stopping the hicoughs. None of them worked. And so the company broke for lunch. The food did the trick. Miss Blondell carried on.

lanned murder story, Jack Boyle's celebrated crack man man character is portrayed by Chester Morris, who has been hailed for his fine performance in bringing the lovable rogue back to life. With Chevy Chase's glittering thrills for its background, and a fantastic spy hunt for its theme, the new film promises to be one of the most exciting melodramas of the new year. As the story opens, Blackie has just been out of a murder aboard an incoming ship.

The third in the popular "Topper" series to be produced at the Roach Studios, "Topper Returns" is directed by Roy Del Ruth, with a cast featuring Joan Blondell, Roland Young, Carole Landis, Billie Burke, Dennis O'Keefe, Warner and Eddie (Rochester) Anderson.



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the scene of the crime. This she does by visiting the Carrington mansion, a lugubrious-looking place where many strange things go on. Joan, however, is so mournful spirit—she is a ghost added to practical jokes and a liking for champagne, the man-ages to get plenty of laughs out of being a ghost and to get her boat into a series of hard-boiled plain situations. "Topper Returns" adds up to a sure-fire hit because it has everything—a new story, a good sense of humor, a fine cast and production and a suspenseful mystery.



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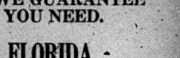
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Uncle Joe Peeples Has 72nd Birthday

Tallahassee, June 5—Representative J. H. (Uncle Joe) Peoples, veteran legislator from Glades County, today observed his seventy-second birthday anniversary and received the congratulations

His birthday anniversary was called to the attention of the House by Speaker Dan McCarroll. The members and attaches stood and applauded the popular solo. Mr. Peeples was born June 28, 1869, at Milltown, now Lakeland, Fla., and moved to Florida where he was three years old. He taught school at Essinger, Fla., before he was 20 years old.

His public service career began when he was elected tax collector of DeSoto County in 1892. He served two terms. The first was under Francis Fleming as Governor. Mr. Peoples was one of the founders of Glades County, created during the administration of former Gov. Cary A. Hardee. He was appointed county commissioner in 1922, and served four terms, the last two as chairman of the board.

Mr. Peeples is a cattle raiser who began raising cattle in 1939, and has large ranches in both Highlands and Glades Counties.

TO BRANCH HOSPITAL.
The State Senate this week killed a bill which would provide for the erection of a branch of the State hospital for the insane at Avon Park. The House had previously passed the bill. The senate voted 22 to 13 for defeat of the bill.

QUIET PLACE
STUART—This city is anticipating nothing in the way of crime wave this summer, for the police chief, Fred Walton, has been granted a three-month leave of absence, and his position will not be filled, according to the city commission.

PURCHASE HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McDonald
of Belle Glade have purchased

Robert. They plan to begin remodeling the house this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dooley who are occupying the house plan to move to the Holloway subdivision.

LEAVES FOR GEORGIA

Charles (Windy) Willis, Atlanta Coast Line commercial agent

who spends the winters in Pahoa working the vegetable deal yesterday for Fort Valley, Ga. where he will spend the next eight or ten weeks on the peach deal.

WAY FOR SUMMER
Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Bateman

ave gone to Mississippi where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sellers, and daughter of Pahoekoe have gone to Georgia for the summer.

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COUNTY, FLORIDA, JUNE 6th, 1941
 pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 18290
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